

NEWS

Long Beach mourns the 99 people who died homeless in 2022, new mayor declares state of emergency

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Mourners gathered in Forest Lawn Memorial Park Wednesday night to honor the 99 unhoused people who died in Long Beach over the last year.

The candlelight vigil was held one day after Mayor Rex Richardson announced the City's plan to declare a state of emergency in response to the homelessness crisis.

The Long Beach Homeless Memorial is an annual tradition that was paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and returned to Forest Lawn for the first time this year. The memorial is hosted by the Long Beach Homeless Coalition with the support of City workers and local clergy on the longest night of the year, Dec. 21.

Volunteers lined up and took turns at the podium reading off the names of the 99 people who died as a candle was lit for each one. Two additional candles were lit, for two unknown people organizers said died the previous day.

The number of reported deaths among the homeless community increased since the last memorial in 2019, rising from 57 to 99.

One of the 99 people who died



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Attendees place the 99 candles lit to memorialize Long Beach residents who have died due to homelessness in 2022 at the vigil at Forest Lawn Mortuary on the longest night of the year, Dec. 21, 2022.

this year was found deceased in a tent outside of St. Luke Episcopal Church in Long Beach, a place known for constantly having unhoused people camped around the building.

While addressing the crowd Wednesday, Reverend Jane Gould spoke about the plight of the people

who camp around St. Luke Episcopal Church in Long Beach.

"What most people know about my church is that it's usually encamped," Gould said. "It's encamped by our neighbors who have nowhere to live. It's encamped by at least one person who died in his tent this year. For almost 40 years,

we've been offering showers, food and clothes in the church every Saturday morning. But still, some moments of welcome, of hospitality, of community—it's not enough. It's not enough."

This increase in reported deaths goes hand-in-hand with the rise of people experiencing homelessness

in Long Beach.

In 2019, the City of Long Beach's Homeless Point In Time Count recorded 1,863 unhoused people, compared to 3,296 in 2022.

According to Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Manager for the Long Beach Health Department, the average age of the 99 people who died this year was 47, and only 24% died from natural causes. Duncan brought an air of humility to the podium, addressing the shortcomings of both the City's homeless services and society as a whole when helping those living on the streets.

"People are dying on the street for things that we should have better answers for as a community," Duncan said. "[...] We're talking about the failures of our health-care system. We're talking about the failures of the homeless service system, which is pretty tough when that's what you're charged with leading. So every year hits home. It's hard to sit with."

In the face of rising rates of homelessness, Mayor Rex Richardson promised to declare a state of emergency during his inauguration the previous night—an action already taken by Mayor Karen Bass of the City of Los Angeles.

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COMMUNITY

Operation Jump Start is looking for college-graduate mentors

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Operation Jump Start is looking for Long Beach residents who want to donate their time, knowledge and hard-earned truths about high school and college to low-income, first-generation students on their journey to higher education.

The Long Beach nonprofit was established in 1994 to help under-resourced first-generation students reach their full potential through a range of free resources. Among the programs they offer—tutoring, college tours, counseling, events, scholarships and more—Community Outreach Coordinator Chelsea Chamreun says the mentorship program is by far the most impact-

ful.

"It's very much an organic bond that the mentors and mentees foster," Chamreun said. "I think of it as sort of a big brother, big sister type of thing because you're there to support them on their college and educational journey, but you're also just giving them a trusted adult to spend time with. You're helping them develop a sense of self [by] giving them a safe space."

Operation Jump Start helps its students mostly by pairing them one-on-one with volunteers for a minimum of one year and three years maximum, with an emphasis on exposing the student to new experiences and broadening their horizons. Mentors are expected to spend a minimum of six hours per

month with their student, but the hours are set by whatever works for both mentor and mentee.

The program helps 250-350 students from grades eight to 11 each year to reach their educational and personal goals.

"Relationships can really look like however you and your student want it to look like," Chamreun said. "There are sort of goals and expectations that we have, but how you meet them is going to be different for every pair."

Mentors, who must have a college degree and be at least 24 years old, typically spend time with their students by taking them to new places they wouldn't be able to experience

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A mentor and student with Operation Jump Start, a nonprofit that prepares first-generation college students for higher education, pose for a photo together.

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This nonprofit helps reunite families with relatives suffering from homelessness

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

Jim Reynolds and his fellow private investigators would often get calls from distraught families whose loved ones had disappeared among the homeless communities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. But not everyone could afford their services.

“We said, ‘Okay, you know what, we’ll set up a nonprofit and we will definitely help you,’” said Reynolds, founder of Find Homeless People.

According to Reynolds, since its inception in 2019, Find Homeless People has reunited over 100 people with their families.

“What motivated us was that we just saw this ever present need to help reunite those that are homeless with their loved ones,” Reynolds said.

He explained that people with mental health issues can sometimes suddenly leave their homes and jobs while cutting off all contact with their families. This leaves distressed families to frantically search for their loved ones among the massive homeless population in the state.

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, in 2022 a total of 69,144 people experiencing homelessness were counted in LA County in 2022. Orange County counted 5,718 people experiencing homelessness in 2022.

Reynolds said that by the time some families reach out to him for help, anywhere from a couple of days to a couple years may have passed since the person went missing.

Find Homeless People’s website contains a list of places families can call and check for their loved ones, including hospitals, jails and homeless shelters. After a family contacts them, the organization will also offer to create fliers of the missing person and distribute them to areas



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A woman living in an unsheltered encampment under the Ocean Ave. bridge that crosses the LA River looks over as Long Beach Parks, Recreation, and Marine workers removed items from an encampment along Shoreline Drive on Nov. 18, 2021.

frequented by unhoused people.

The nonprofit asks unhoused people for permission to add their photos and information to Find Homeless People’s online database. Along with their photo, the database also contains specific information for families about where the person was last seen.

Since it can be hard to keep track of someone experiencing homelessness, Find Homeless People makes special note of where each homeless person they speak to receives services, such as shelters that offer food and showers. That way, if someone recognizes someone from the online database, the nonprofit knows where to start searching.

“They’re overwhelmed, they just can’t thank us enough,” Reynolds said of families that are reunited with their loved ones.

Find Homeless People’s mission has expanded from its original purpose of reuniting families with their missing loved ones. The nonprofit is now also involved in distributing food, clothing and hygiene supplies.

Reynolds said that Find Homeless People was recently approved for a program with T-Mobile, which will allow them to also start distributing free phones and iPads to unhoused people.

For its next event, Find Homeless People is teaming up with the Central Neighborhood Health Foundation to provide a free medical clinic for people experiencing homelessness. People who attend will be able to receive COVID-19 testing, physical exams, staple/suture removal, refills of basic medications and wound care free of charge.

“When you are feeding people who don’t have food and they’re starving, and you bring them food, it’s tremendously satisfying,” Reynolds said. “When you’re able to bring them medical care they just can’t get for a variety of reasons, again, tremendously satisfying.”

Find Homeless People’s office is located at 111 W Ocean Blvd. To contact Find Homeless People, call 562-472-0222 or visit findhomelesspeople.org/contact-us/.

NEWS

Long Beach’s annual ‘Treecycling’ program begins day after Christmas

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Department of Public Works’ annual Holiday Tree Recycling Program, also known as “Treecycling,” will be offered this year beginning on Dec. 26.

Treecycling gives Long Beach residents the chance to dispose of their live holiday trees for free at any of 12 drop-off locations provided throughout the city from Dec. 26 to Jan. 7, 2023. The proper disposal of trees through Treecycling helps prevent fire hazards and blight by reducing illegally dumped trees in alleys and public right-of-ways.

Long Beach collects between 10,000 and 15,000 trees annually, according to a statement from the City.

All 12 holiday tree drop-off locations will operate weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The full list of drop-off locations is as follows:

- Houghton Park, Myrtle Avenue at Harding Street

- Long Beach Police Department North Patrol Division, 4891 N. Atlantic Ave., at Del Amo Boulevard (enter on 49th Street)

- Veterans Park, 28th Street at Pine Avenue

- Wardlow Park, Monlaco Road at Rutgers Avenue

- El Dorado Park West, 2760 N. Studebaker Rd., south parking lot behind Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Administration Office

- Hudson Park, Hill Street at Webster Avenue

- Long Beach Environmental Services Bureau Offices, 2929 E. Willow St.

- Stearns Champions Park, 23rd Street at Roycroft Avenue

- Orizaba Park, Orizaba Avenue at 14th Street

- Cesar E. Chavez Park, Golden Shore Street at 4th Street

- Bixby Park, 1st Street at Cherry Avenue

- Long Beach Fire Department Station 14, 5200 E. Eliot St.

When trees are dropped off, all



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Portrait of a fully decorated Christmas tree.

decorations and stands must be removed and all trees over 12 feet tall should be cut in half. Additionally, artificial trees or trees from businesses will not be accepted at any locations.

Residents who have City-serviced refuse collection that are unable to drop off their holiday tree may participate in the citywide Treecycling pick-up day on Jan. 7. Refuse customers are instructed to place their tree where recycling is normally collected by 7 a.m. on the collection day for proper disposal.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, December 14

12:29 p.m., Identity theft, 2300 block Lewis Ave.

1:53 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block Cerritos Ave.

5:10 p.m., Throwing objects at moving vehicles, E. Burnett St./Walnut Ave.

Thursday, December 15

2:44 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3000 block California Ave.

3:41 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

10:18 p.m., Assault on Peace Officer, Aid/abet speed contest, 3000 block California Ave.

Friday, December 16

8:56 a.m., Identity theft, 2700 block Walnut Ave.

10:07 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1200 block E. 23rd St.

Saturday, December 17

11:26 p.m., Battery, 800 block Walton Ave.

Sunday, December 18

10:12 a.m., Burglary, 1200 block E. Burnett St.

Monday, December 19

8:41 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, E. 33rd St./Myrtle Ave.

3:37 p.m., Auto burglary, 2600 block Cherry Ave.

8:46 p.m., Identity theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.

8:50 p.m., Commit mail theft; possessing paraphernalia; 3 misdemeanor warrants, 1800 block Gladys Ave. (suspect arrested)

Tuesday, December 20

11:55 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block Obispo Ave.

3:25 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.

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As friends and families gather to celebrate the holidays, local libraries, small businesses and fellow neighbors have put together a boat-load of ways to honor the season—including multiple merry boat rides.

Residents can celebrate Hanukkah with a candle lighting ceremony at the Alpert Jewish Community Center, join their neighbors for Christmas carols and hot cocoa or take in the holiday classic ballet “The Nutcracker” on Friday. Local libraries will be hosting holiday-themed movies and crafts Friday afternoon.

There is one last chance for families in need to receive free toys Saturday morning at the Local Hearts Foundation’s giveaway. There will be a Christmas Eve service hosted by the Christ Lutheran Church and a Caribbean boat cruise for those who wish to spend the evening enjoying music and lights among nature.

Local businesses Cafe Sevilla and Falcon North will be hosting their own Christmas Day parties, the first consisting of a three-course meal and the latter featuring drink deals and karaoke. Residents can honor the Kwanzaa holiday with the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach with their two-day event on Tuesday and Wednesday.

23 FRIDAY

MORE THAN FILM SERIES

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring kindergarten through 3rd grade students to Bach Neighborhood Library (4055 N. Bellflower Blvd.) to enjoy holiday stories and crafts. Free.

CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to watch the lighting of the

last candle on the menorah at the Alpert Jewish Community Center in honor of Chanukah (3801 E Willow St.). Free.

REFLECTIONS CLOSING RECEPTION

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public is invited to the closing reception of the group art exhibit “Reflections” at Open Gallery (1740 E 7th St.). The event will feature art, music, beverages and merchandise. Free to attend.

CAROLS AND COCOA

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The public is invited to dress in warm clothes and bring their lawn chairs and blankets to the parking lot of 4130 Gardenia Ave. to join their community in singing Christmas carols, drinking hot chocolate or coffee and snacking on cookies. Free.

LONG BEACH NUTCRACKER

7:30 p.m. The Long Beach Ballet will be performing the classic holiday ballet, “The Nutcracker,” at the Long Beach Convention Center (300 E Ocean Blvd.). Standard admission tickets can be purchased for \$35, either in person at the Convention Center’s box office or online on Ticketmaster.

MUSICA Y MUJERES

9 p.m. Those 21 and over can listen to the musical selections of three Latina DJs at the Grasshopper (136 E Anaheim St.). Entry is free.

24 SATURDAY

RIDGEWOOD/BIXBY KNOLLS CLEAN STREETS

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The community is invited to pick up trash and debris throughout the streets, parkways and medians of Bixby

Knolls for one hour. Meet at 4555 Orange Ave. Free.

A DIAMOND CHRISTMAS

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Local Hearts Foundation will be distributing toys to children in need at MacArthur Park (1321 E Anaheim St.). Free.

CHRISTMAS EVE CARIBBEAN BOAT CRUISE

6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Marcus B. Entertainment invites residents for a lively Christmas boat cruise that will feature Caribbean music, afro beats, R&B, hip-hop and more. The Catalina Duchess will start at 1046 Queens Hwy and cruise around the Long Beach Harbor while taking in the lights and decorations. There are two levels for attendees to enjoy; one indoors and one outdoors. Tickets are \$65.

25 SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS IN SPAIN

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cafe Sevilla (140 Pine Ave.) will be serving a special three-course Christmas Day Menu for \$65. Dishes can also be purchased a la carte. To make reservations, call 562-495-1111.

CHRISTMAS DAY BEER BUST

Long Beach nightclub Falcon North (2020 Artesia Blvd.) will be hosting a Christmas Day party with draft beer specials all day long and karaoke beginning at 8 p.m. DJ Yellow will be playing “holiday beats.” Entry is free.

26 MONDAY

CHRISTMAS CRUISE OF LIGHTS

6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Sea View



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Some of the lighted Christmas tree barges in Alamilos Bay can be seen from the bridge that crosses onto Naples Island in Long Beach on Nov. 29, 2021.

will be hosting Christmas cruises that take attendees through the lights and decorations of Alamilos Bay. There are three hour-long cruises from 6 to 7 p.m., 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. There will be hot chocolate and Christmas music provided. Tickets are \$10 and boats will depart from 223 Marina Dr.

27 TUESDAY

READING BUDDIES

3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Parents and caregivers can bring children to the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) where a teen volunteer will give them up to 30 minutes of one-on-one reading practice. Free.

KWANZAA CELEBRATION

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The African American Cultural Center of Long Beach (4321 Atlantic Ave.) invites the public to celebrate Kwanzaa with a two-day event. Tuesday will focus on kujichagulia, which means self-determination, and will feature a candle lighting ceremony, “Baba” the Storyteller, a children’s activity corner, an African marketplace with vendors, live artist creation, a jazz performance, West African drum and dance and a Karamu feast. There is a \$10 suggested donation and RSVP is strongly suggested.

28 WEDNESDAY

KWANZAA CELEBRATION

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. For those who can not attend the first day of the AACCLB’s Kwanzaa celebration, the second day of the event will focus on Ujima, meaning collective work and responsibility, and will include a candle lighting ceremony, a Black artist showcase, a children’s

activity corner, an African marketplace with vendors an Nzugo Saba dance class and West African drum class. There is a \$10 suggested donation and RSVP is strongly suggested.

RUN CLUB

7 p.m. The Long Beach Run Club meets weekly at 3300 E Ocean Blvd. for a group run. All are welcome. Free.

29 THURSDAY

HIV TESTING

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. HIV testing will be provided by the Long Beach Health Department at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.) Free.

FUSE PARTY

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Alegria Nightclub (115 Pine Ave.) will be hosting a pre-New Year’s Eve party filled with music and dancing for those 18 and older. Free.

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Long Beach inaugurates new Mayor Rex Richardson, other elected officials



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Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson gives his remarks with a promise to declare a state of emergency on homelessness at the Long Beach Terrace Theater during the inauguration ceremony on Dec. 20, 2022.

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The City inaugurated its recently elected officials Tuesday, Dec. 20, including Long Beach's new Mayor, Rex Richardson.

"These public ceremonies bring us together as citizens to pause and to celebrate our democratic system and the progress and the changes that come with our elections," said James Bass, artistic director for the Long Beach Camerata Singers.

The officials inaugurated into new positions on Tuesday included 9th district councilmember Joni Ricks-Oddie, 5th district councilmember Megan Kerr, 3rd district councilmember Kristina Duggan, City Attorney Dawn McIntosh, and mayor Rex Richardson.

The inauguration ceremony started with a musical performance by the Long Beach Camerata Singers, the pledge of allegiance, a rendition of the national anthem, a prayer and a land acknowledgement.

After being sworn in, the officials gave speeches detailing their gratitude and plans for their time in office.

First district Councilmember Mary Zendejas, 7th district councilmember Roberto Uranga, and City Prosecutor Doug Haubert were reelected into their previous positions, and were also inaugurated Tuesday.

McIntosh made history when she won the primary vote in June 2022 as the first female City Attorney in



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Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson stands with his family before taking his oath of office during the inauguration ceremony on Dec. 20, 2022.



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Dr. Mike Munoz conducts the oath of office for first district Councilmember Mary Zendejas at the Long Beach Terrace Theater during the inauguration ceremony on Dec. 20, 2022.



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Ninth district Councilmember Joni Ricks-Oddie gives her remarks at the Long Beach Terrace Theater during the inauguration ceremony on Dec. 20, 2022.



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Seventh district Councilmember Roberto Uranga gives his remarks at the Long Beach Terrace Theater during the inauguration ceremony on Dec. 20, 2022.

Long Beach's history.

"We are breaking a few barriers here tonight so it's an exciting day," McIntosh told the audience at the inauguration.

Ricks-Oddie has served on the City's Citizens Police Complaint Commission and the Long Beach Planning Commission. Duggan worked as a staff member under former council member Suzie Price while McIntosh previously worked as an assistant city attorney. Kerr has served as a board member for the Long Beach Unified School District and Richardson previously served the city as a councilmember and as vice mayor.

"My service to the city is my gratitude for all that Long Beach has provided me and my family throughout the years," Richardson said. "It's been my true privilege to work every day as a city council member and as Vice Mayor to make our city a better place to live and work and play for everyone. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to lead this city."

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Community Hospital will function as winter homeless shelter through the end of March

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Managing Editor

There will be 81 more beds available by the end of the week for those experiencing homelessness, as Long Beach is in the process of opening up this year's winter shelter at the former Community Hospital site.

The City is attempting to shuttle over the first group of people into the shelter Monday afternoon, according to Long Beach Public Affairs Officer Jennifer Rice Epstein.

Each year, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) works with five supervisory districts to fund additional temporary housing focusing on emergency shelter during the coldest and wettest months of the year, as well as hypothermia and exposure prevention among the homeless community.

The shelter is funded by LAHSA through county general funds, Emergency Solutions Grants and Measure H funds.

There are 796 beds provided year-round by the City and partnering organizations, according to a statement released by the City Dec. 19. Long Beach had 3,296 people experiencing homelessness in the city during its 2022 Point in Time Count.

Long Beach will lease the 18,140 square foot property that was formerly Community Hospital from the Molina, Wu, Network, (MWN) Community Hospital LLC for a total of \$158,725 in rental costs.



Dom Phouma, a radiologic technologist at Community Hospital Long Beach claps his hands during District 4 Councilman, Daryl Supernaw's speech for the reopening of the hospital on May 27, 2021.

The City will also handle the costs of utilities (based on monthly invoices and taking the difference when compared to previous billing cycles), three security guards, monthly pest control and landscaping (\$2,350), monthly maintenance (\$4,000), any damages caused during the shelter's operation and a reimbursement to MWN for startup costs (\$25,000).

The location differs each year

after the City conducts a search of city-owned and private properties in the summer. According to staff reports, usually about 30-40 locations are vetted for the winter shelter program. Previous locations have included the Atlantic Farms Bridge Housing Community, Long Beach Rescue Mission Thrift Store, Old North Library and the Navigation Center.

A handful of residents stated

their concerns about having the winter shelter in their neighborhood, citing incidents of homeless people sleeping in people's front lawns and a rising number of encampments in the city.

"I'm here to beg you not to turn the Community Hospital into a shelter," third district resident Jennifer Dees said to the council. "I've seen drug-addicted people walking into traffic and my children have

seen people urinating in public. When I call the police they say, 'This is just general mayhem, it's not an emergency' ... It's not compassionate to the residents."

Director of Health and Human Services Kelly Colopy explained that the winter shelter differs from most other shelters in the city since it's run on a 24/7 basis. This means that people staying at the shelter are not permitted to leave except for work, medical or ADA-compliant reasons. The services offered at the shelter are not available for walk-ups and must be referred by the City's Multi-Service Center, so there should be no lines, crowds or homeless people roaming the surrounding neighborhoods.

"Anyone who participates in the shelter must come from the Multi-Service Center. The shuttles arrive in the evenings and in the mornings we shuttle [residents] to wherever they need to go," Colopy said. "Atlantic Bridge Community shelter is going very smoothly and it's the same people running this shelter."

The shelter will provide participants with intake and screening services, three meals a day, showers, transportation, case management services and referrals to year-round shelter programs. First to Serve Outreach Ministries will be providing their services to run the shelter and was chosen by LAHSA.

Participants will be chosen from the homeless community in Los Angeles County, with priority given to those who are homeless in Long Beach, according to Colopy.



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THE CITY COUNCIL OF SIGNAL HILL introduced this ordinance on December 13, 2022. Copies of the Building Codes being considered for adoption by reference are on file with the City Clerk and are open to public inspection.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are hereby invited to attend the public hearing to present written information, express their opinions or otherwise present evidence on the above matter.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AS AMENDED BY AB 361) this will be a hybrid meeting with in-person, and video and teleconference participation options. To view or listen to the meeting live at 7:00 p.m.

- In-person: Council Chambers of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California;
- Call (408) 638-0968 (audio only) on the date and time of the meeting and enter the meeting ID **881-4793-6648**, press # when prompted to provide participant ID, and enter passcode **374778**. If you would like to make a public comment, please notify the meeting host by pressing *9 on the telephone keypad;
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THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of CEQA Guidelines in that it is not a project which has the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment.

FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained at the City of Signal Hill Community Development Department located at 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California, or by emailing Eric Kranda, Senior Building Inspector, at ekranda@cityofsignalhill.org or calling at (562) 989-7348.

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TST6867/Order No: 12668
Auto Lien Sale

On 1/4/2023 at 2801 W SLAUSON AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2022 TOYOTA
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TST6860 Case No. 22LBCP00450
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMAJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Joe Santa Ana Jr., for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Joe Santa Ana Jr. has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Joe Santa Ana Jr. Proposed Name: Joe Santana Jr. 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: January 13, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 527. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, December 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022 ___// ss//___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 2, 2022

TST6861 Case No. 22CMCP00170
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COMPTON COURTHOUSE, 200 W. Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90220 PETITION OF: Madeline Sophia Pivalar by and through her mother, Naomi Eulalia Barajas, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Madeline Sophia Pivalar, by and through her mother, Naomi Eulalia Barajas, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her daughter's name as follows: Present Name: Madeline Sophia Pivalar Proposed Name: Madeline Sophia Barajas 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: January 20, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A, Room 904. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, December 16, 23, 30, 2022 & January 6, 2023 ___// ss//___ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 28, 2022

TST6859 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARK LENTZ CASE NO. 22STPB11974
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARK LENTZ. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JASON GEBER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JASON GEBER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/20/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing.

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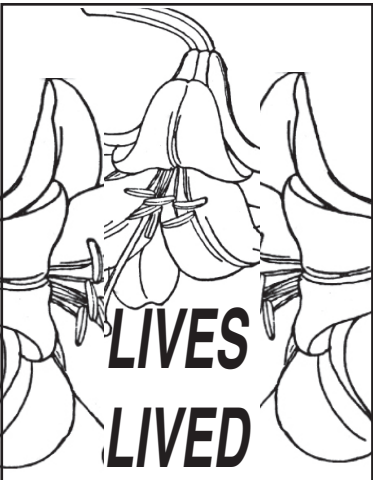
Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner DANIEL B. HERBERT - SBN 149301, MANNING & KASS, ELLROD RAMIREZ TRESTER LLP 801 S. FIGUEROA STREET, 15TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES CA 90017 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22 CNS-3650852# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

TST6845 / 2022 238300
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as: MAKE IT SPARKLE CLEANING SERVICES, 2682 EUCALYPTUS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90806. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registrant: ESTHER TORRES, 2682 EUCALYPTUS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ESTHER TORRES, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on October 31, 2022. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: November 11, 18, 25 & December 2, 2022

TST6873 / 2022 273248
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as: PETERSON BUILT, 23504 W. HEARTHSIDE CT, VALENCIA, CA 91354. LOS ANGELES COUNTY Registrant: DAVID DOUGLAS PETERSON, 23504 W. HEARTHSIDE CT, VALENCIA, CA 91354. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: DAVID DOUGLAS PETERSON, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on December 20, 2022. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: December 23, 30, 2022 & January 6, 13, 2023

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Pet of the week: Frosty

Frosty has decided that he wants to be a Hanukkah snowman! He was born for it, with his lovely white fur and his Siberian husky DNA. He's ready to light the menorah and wolf down a few latkes before he spins the dreidel. We want it to land on gimel, which means he gets the whole thing—and we don't mean chocolate coins (or chocolate anything). Frosty's only three years old, and he'd love to spend his full life with someone who'll just kvell over him! You can speed the process to adopt or foster Frosty and any of our other pets by emailing Pet-Adopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Even better, stop by during our new open walk-in hours every Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Our shelter is located at 7700 E. Spring St. Ask for ID#A689065 to meet Frosty.

HOMELESS VIGIL
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"I want to be clear, this crisis is not going to be solved overnight," Richardson said during his inaugural speech on Tuesday, Dec. 20. "It's going to require much more than a six or nine-month declaration of emergency. It's going to require long-term housing solutions. In the end, homelessness is linked to the lack of housing.

"When housing costs become unaffordable, people can no longer afford rent. They're pushed out of their homes. The longer people live on the street, the more trust they lose in us, their city, their institutions and society to be able to help."

Richardson called for a renewed commitment to creating affordable housing over the next four years. He said the City will need the help

of businesses, clergy and landlords to address the issue. Richardson stated that 300 families in Long Beach have housing vouchers, but have not been able to find landlords willing to accept them.

City Council will vote on whether to officially declare the state of emergency at its next meeting on Jan. 10.

"Now it's time for us to [...] find new policies, new resources, new partnerships, to build the housing that will not only help those who are homeless, but also our future graduates and our workforce and our children," Richardson said on Tuesday. "So everyone in our community can have the dignity of a home they can be proud of."

EVENT

Get spirited away to a Whisky Wonderland at Roxanne's this January

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Spirits will run loose and warm up bodies this January at Roxanne's annual Whisky Wonderland event, which will offer whiskey tastings, live music, artisanal snacking trays and chances for residents to hone their bartending skills.

The event usually offers a lineup of tastings of over a dozen top-shelf whiskey brands, but this year they are adding the Take Home Knowledge series. There will be three 30-minute sessions that will teach attendees how to practice their whiskey-crafting skills at home.

"We kind of figured that when we first started doing these events, people were more exploring the whiskey because they're just getting their feet wet, so to speak," said Jim Torres, owner of Roxanne's. "But now it seems like they're so much more advanced and they're asking for more."

Women Who Whiskey LBC, a female-led whiskey enthusiast group that meets once a week at The Hawk bar, will teach attendees how to make their own whiskey punch. The punch uses spices and various fruits to create a festive drink, which Torres compared to a sangria, that people will be able to take home and make again on their own.

Local cocktail enthusiast JP will teach a class on how to make a classic old fashioned, a boozy prohibition-era whiskey drink that combines bourbon or rye whiskey, an orange peel, angostura bitters, a sugar cube and a few dashes of plain water to make a surprisingly smooth concoction.

"We wanted people to not only just come out to taste whiskey, but definitely take home skills that they can use so they can become their own bartenders," Torres said.

Devon Butler, a bartender at Roxanne's exhibition room, will be teaching a class on how to fat-wash whiskey. Butler will be mixing bacon fat from local barbecue spot Shady Grove Foods with Jackrabbit whiskey in order to transfer the flavors. Attendees will be able to take home their shelf-stable, fat-washed whiskey, along with the knowledge on how to do it at home.

"It's delicious and it's surprising," Torres said. "You take the whiskey and then all those harsh notes get really tamed down on whatever you're fat-washing it with



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Tommy Mofid, the owner of the Wrigley Tavern, makes a cocktail with a homemade mixer that he keeps in an old tequila bottle on Aug. 5, 2021.

and it makes it really easy to drink."

Each session will provide residents with the appropriate whiskey and supplies. Spaces for each class are limited and sold separately from general admission tickets.

Roxanne's is also looking into getting a snow machine and hot chocolate for children who attend. Shady Grove Foods will be serving up their signature smoked meats and Jackrabbit whiskey sauce during the event for patrons to purchase.

Attendees can enjoy live music performances from local groups, such as Long Beach Jazz Angels, The Alexanders Father and Son Duo, The Suitcase Stompers and Shy but Fly. A portion of the event sales will benefit Long Beach Jazz Angels, a non-profit created in 2007 that teaches children how to play and perform jazz music.

Roxanne's is offering free admission for those who work in the service industry. If a bartender or server would like to attend, send Roxanne's a message on Instagram @roxannesbar to receive a code for entry.

General admission includes 10 whiskey tastings, a tasting board and access to vendors. The \$50 Gift of Whiskey package includes 10 tastings, an artisan snack tray, a complimentary cocktail, a Whisky Wonderland T-shirt and a souvenir Jackrabbit Whiskey to take home.

There is one VIP session still available for \$50, which includes everything on the Gift of Whiskey package and an hour-and-a-half session inside The Exhibition Room, which includes five additional drink tickets for top-shelf and exclusive whiskeys.

Whisky Wonderland will be hosted by Roxanne's at 1115 East Wardlow Ave. on Jan. 15 from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

OPERATION JUMP START
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on their own, such as museums, hikes, community events and university tours. Pairs are expected to fill out a survey or updates on how the relationship is developing each week, which helps Operation Jump Start to learn about each student and their needs.

Along with showing their students new experiences, mentors are also expected to talk to their students about their college aspirations and help them narrow down what they might be interested in and how it can help shape a career. Since students in the program are all first-generation, meaning they are the first in their families to attend college, many enter the program without any prior knowledge of how the college application process works.

As of 2022, one-third of all college students identified as first-generation, according to the Center for First-Generation Student Success. However, the same institution found that only 21% of Generation Z students are first-generation.

"When your parents have not, or nobody in your immediate family has been to college, it's just a complete enigma," Chamreun said. "You probably aren't thinking about it as early as somebody who has the advantage of college [graduate] parents with degrees."

Although the mentorship program does not follow students into their college lives, Chamreun explained that many mentors continue the relationship with their students in informal measures, making sure they are acclimating and answering any questions that arise during their college years.

Students are offered free counseling services from interns who are attaining their master's degrees



Image Courtesy Operation Jump Start
A mentor and student with Operation Jump Start, a nonprofit that prepares first-generation college students for higher education, pose for a photo together.

in social work throughout the duration of the program, though Chamreun said that the services are mainly utilized by students once they start college and need someone to talk to.

Operation Jump Start grants scholarships to its students beginning in the eighth grade, saving up each gift for once the student graduates from high school. The scholarships continue each semester when a student is attending college.

Mentors and their mentees are continuously invited to the free and fun events that Operation Jump Start hosts for its members, including surfing classes, ice skating, bowling and game nights.

"We're constantly having new students join the program, so therefore there's a constant need for mentors," Chamreun said.

Long Beach residents who are 24 years old and older with a college degree can apply to become a mentor through Operation Jump Start's online application.

NEWS

Los Angeles County moves forward on proposed fair work week ordinance

City News Service
Southern California Local News

Following in the city of Los Angeles' footsteps, the county Board of Supervisors Wednesday advanced the idea of enacting a fair work week ordinance aimed at giving retail employees more consistent schedules and breaks between shifts.

Under a motion by Supervisors Holly Mitchell and Lindsey Horvath, the board instructed its staff to return in six months with an ordinance that would require large retailers in unincorporated areas to give employees 14 days notice of their work schedule. Employers would also have to provide workers with 10 hours of rest between shifts and a good faith estimate of weekly work hours.

The rules would apply to retail businesses with 300 or more employees globally.

The proposed ordinance would mirror one approved by the city of Los Angeles last month. The county proposal would also include anti-retaliation protections for employees exercising their rights under the ordinance, while also setting up mechanisms for enforcement.

Supervisor Janice Hahn said the ordinance will give retail workers a



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Signs lay on the pavement while Starbucks baristas take a short break while on strike outside of the Starbucks location on 7th Street and Redondo Avenue in Long Beach on Nov. 17, 2022.

chance to plan their lives around a more consistent schedule, especially those who must arrange child care. The motion noted that 57% of the county's retail workers are Latina/o, and 52% are women.

"Employers are going to have to realize that workers have a life," Hahn said.

She noted that she recently visited Starbucks workers attempting to unionize in Long Beach, with their main complaint revolving around inconsistent work schedules.

Seattle, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago also have similar fair workweek ordinances in place. Oregon is the only state to have a statewide ordinance.

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